IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by strikethrough and underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1. – 36. (Canceled)

37. (New) A method of inducing or increasing axonal growth, the method comprising administering to a dorsal root ganglia (DRG) a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO:1.

38. (New) A method of inducing or increasing axonal growth, the method comprising administering to a dorsal root ganglia (DRG) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3.

39. (New) The method of claim 37 or claim 38, wherein the DRG is in a mammal.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the mammal is a human.

41. (New) The method of claim 37 or claim 38, wherein the polypeptide is administered to the DRG following axotomy.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the axotomy is sciatic nerve injury.

43. (New) The method of claim 37 or claim 38, wherein the axonal growth is axonal regeneration.